



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN
LAURA RODRIGUEZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: August 7 to September 6, 2006



WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED?

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comments on the draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for the new Laura Rodriguez (formerly King/Logan/Perkins) Elementary School site (the Site). This workplan addresses the removal and off-site disposal of approximately 1,562 cubic yards (2,343 tons) of contaminated soil.

The Site consists of 1½ blocks of former residential property in the Logan Heights neighborhood of the City of San Diego, California. The Site is located west of Interstate Highway 15 (I-15) and north of I-15, Martin Avenue to the north, an alley to the south (situated between Greely and Logan Avenues) and bounded by 31st Street on the west and 32nd Street on the east.

Between 2001 and 2003 San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) conducted environmental investigations at the site. These investigations revealed elevated levels of lead and arsenic contaminated soil which was cleaned up under the oversight of DTSC. During the removal, additional contamination was found. In order to enable the district to begin necessary construction, DTSC granted a partial site approval and required SDUSD to conduct additional investigation. This Workplan addresses the cleanup of elevated levels of lead and arsenic found in soil during investigation which will be conducted by SDUSD.

DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this soil removal pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The NOE documents states that the removal action will not have a significant negative effect on the environment because of the short duration, the controlled manner in which the relatively small volume of arsenic and lead contaminated soil will be excavated, loaded onto trucks, and transported off-site for disposal.

Explanation of Significant Differences

The DTSC prepared an Explanation of Significant Differences documenting changes in the original Removal Action Workplan (RAW). During implementation of the RAW (November 2003 and May 2005), approximately 4,118 tons (2,745 cubic yards) of lead and arsenic contaminated soil was removed from Area 1, 3 and 4. The original estimate of 544 tons (363 cubic yards) was exceeded due to the discovery of lead and arsenic contaminated soil on residential parcels (Area 3 and 4) in its fill material.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

This notice is to provide the interested community the opportunity to learn more about the project and provide comments to the DTSC about the proposed cleanup during the thirty (30) day public comment period that starts on August 7, 2006 and ends on September 6, 2006. Comments regarding the draft RAW may be submitted in writing to Ms. Stephanie Lewis, DTSC Project Manager, 1101 N. Grandview Ave., Glendale, CA 91201 or email: SLewis1@dtsc.ca.gov.

DTSC will hold a community meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 15, 2006 at the Perkins Elementary School, 1770 Main Street, San Diego, California 92113 to provide information about the environmental investigations, results, and the proposed soil clean up. We encourage you to attend the meeting and share your questions and comments. Spanish translation will be provided.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the draft RAW and other project documents are available at (1) Logan Heights Branch Library, 811 28th Street, San Diego 92113, (2) Central Library, 820 E Street, San Diego, CA 92101, and (3) SDUSD Maintenance and Operation Center, 4860 Ruffner Street, San Diego, CA 92111. Also, all site documents and the full administrative Record pertaining to this project are available for review during office hours at the DTSC Regional Records Office, 1011 N. Grandview Avenue, Glendale, CA 91201. Contact: Jone Barrio at (818) 551-2886 for appointment.

CONTACT:

If you have questions or wish to discuss this project, please contact Ms. Maya Akula, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (818) 551-2917 or email: Makula@dtsc.ca.gov; or Ms. Stephanie Lewis, DTSC Project Manager, at (818) 551-2847 or email: SLewis1@dtsc.ca.gov.

Si desea informacion en espanol, comuniquese con: Javier Hinjosa, de el DTSC, al (818) 551-2172.